



Attorney Docket No. HIR-115  
MAIL STOP RCE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1773  
KARAIWA ) Examiner: JACKSON, M. R.  
Serial No. 09/649,092 )  
Filed: August 28, 2000 )  
For: **THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER LAMINATED MATERIAL**

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioners for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of May 10, 2004, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on August 10, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed along with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE").

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.